

Lloyd Petersen, 77

Dec. 21, 1929 - July 1, 2007

WALNUT — Lloyd Rex Petersen was born on a farm near Walnut, Dec. 21, 1929, son of Lloyd N. and Lucille (McLuen) Petersen, and was one of four children in the family. After graduating from high school, he went to work at the bank in Avoca. He lived his lifetime in the Walnut and Avoca areas.

Lloyd married Gladys Mickel Oct. 16, 1949, at the Lutheran Church in Walnut. They were the parents of two children, Jackie and James. Lloyd served his country in the U.S. Army from February of 1952 until December of 1954 and was stationed in Korea. He then continued working in the banking industry in Avoca at what is now Midstates Bank, until his retirement in December of 1990. Lloyd was involved with many community projects and had memberships in the Avoca Museum and Historical Society, Rotary Club and the Avoca American Legion Post #227. He served as a Boy Scout leader and received the Silver Beaver Award. He also received an Inspirational Award in 1989 and Man of the Year Award in 1966. He died July 1, 2007, at Myrtue Medical Center at age 77 years, six months and 10 days.

Lloyd is preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Bruce. He is survived by his wife, Gladys, of Walnut; his daughter, Jackie Riessen (Dan) of Avoca; his son, James Petersen (Lori), of Gretna, NE; a grandson, Trevor Riessen (Amanda), of Fremont, NE; two granddaughters, Randi Riessen of Omaha, NE and Catelyn Petersen of Lincoln, NE; one great grandson, Alex Riessen of Fremont, NE; a step-granddaughter, Anna Weigandt, and a step-grandson, Jim Weigandt, both of Gretna, NE; and a step-great grandson, Dylan Stednitz of Fremont, NE; his sister, Janice Ellison of Murrieta, CA; his brother, Max Petersen (Deb) of Walnut; a sister-in-law, Willa Petersen of Walnut; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 6, 2007, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca with Pastor Dennis Reich officiating. The message was given by Wayne Paulsen. Honorary bearers were Orris Drake, Bob Lafrentz, Bob Allen, Bob Jensen and Bill True. Casket bearers were Ken Woltmann, Brent Hansen, Larry Petersen, Bruce Holtz, Tom True and Dave Nieman with burial at the Layton Township Cemetery in Walnut. Military rites were given by the Fred Funston Post #227. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca in charge of arrangements.